

FINANCE COMMITTEE SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 6, 2014

1. Second reading of Ordinance 15, guaranteeing bond issue by the Convention Center Authority in the amount of \$60M. Similar to the guarantee for the Convention Center Hotel Bond Agreement in 2005. The agreement will contain verifiable yearly payments by the CCA which go out to 2044. Changes have been made to the first version of the ordinance which appeared on the last agenda. Those changes are marked on the ordinance in today's packet. Council will need to amend Ordinance 15 on the floor to this revised version before a final vote may take place. **Page 3**
2. Second reading of Ordinance 16, Capital Project Fund supplemental appropriation of \$180,000 and creation of a line item from the sale of ten acres of County property to the state of PA in order to build a new State Police facility in Erie County. Council approved the sale at the last meeting; this is the accounting structure for the payment. **Page 14**
3. Second reading of Ordinance 17, Children & Youth Services Fund Budget revised expenditures of \$18,000 and creation of Catholic Charities Greenburg Court Ordered Placement Line. Court ordered placements of children often occur to facilities that have never been used, thus requiring a new line item. Budget transfers from existing placement expense lines that are either being underutilized or not used this year will fund this new placement expense. **Page 17**
4. First reading of an ordinance, for the annual Letter of Credit Agreement between PRM and PNC Bank for \$700,000. This Credit Agreement provides cash flow to the self-insurance program at PRM. For a relatively small fee, PRM has money available to operate their insurance. As revenues come in during the year, they are able to catch up with expenses of the program. **Page 20**
5. First reading of an ordinance, Public Safety Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$45,000 for a pass thru grant for PSAP Regional Shared Services Assessment Guidance. The state is requiring that all public safety operations participate in this assessment whose ultimate goal is increased regional cooperation by all PSAPs. **Page 34**
6. First reading of an ordinance, Public Safety Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$563,615 and creation of line items for Northern Tier Project. 2013 funding for this project has lapsed so it must be re-appropriated. Erie is part of a regional buying consortium looking at new phone systems. Purchasing a single system in bulk in this manner will save the County around \$300,000. **Page 44**
7. First reading of an ordinance, Public Safety Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$72,600 and creation of line item for JAG Grant and Next Generation Radio System Analysis and Design. 2013 funding for this project also lapsed so it must be re-appropriated. The County's current system will be analyzed, taking into account its weaknesses and strengths. A path forward will be opined through this process. There's no doubt that a new radio system will cost a lot of money. **Page 56**
8. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$50,703 for the GF side of the previous item. The rest of the cost for the Next Gen Analysis will come from the JAG Grant. **Page 63**

9. First reading of an ordinance, Public Safety Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$43,343 for a Hazardous Materials Response Fund Grant (HMRF). This would be used to fund a number of line items in Emergency Management; also a portion is being set aside for the purchase of a vehicle at a future time. **Page 66**
10. First reading of an ordinance, Public Safety Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$10,500 and creation of line items for Citizen Corps Program Training Grant. The funds will be used for the purchase of training, advertising, clothing and safety supplies. **Page 69**
11. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$59,103 for the completion of the Sheriff Radio Project. The funding lapsed from 2013 so it must be re-appropriated. The project involves the installation of repeaters to eliminate dead spots in radio coverage. **Page 72**
12. First reading of an ordinance, General Fund Budget supplemental appropriation of \$3,000 and creation of line items for Reimbursable School Resource Officer overtime. This accounting structure will accommodate the flow of payments from schools who utilize SROs in an overtime setting. **Page 88**
13. Appointment of Richard Wagner to a four-year term on the Erie County Care Management Board to represent Mrs. Loll's District; term ending October 31, 2017. CE appointment with the A&C of Council. **Page 91**
14. Sale of 2 parcels from the Erie County Repository. **Page 95**
Parcel 15-020-028.0-211.00, 527 East 13th St., for \$250 to John Lilley.
42-010-036.0-013.00, 30 S. Main St., for \$250 to Union City Pride Incorporated.
15. Analysis of General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance. **Page 104**

PERSONNEL SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 6, 2014

1. First reading of an ordinance, 2014 appointed official's salary ordinance – Part Time Assistant Public Defender. A vacancy is being filled in the PD Office at the starting salary of \$24,357. **Page 2**
2. Resolution approving Solicitor Contract submitted by the Erie County Office of Children & Youth for Attorney Rachel Taylor. The cost will be \$50 per hour with a maximum of 100 hours per month. (\$60K yr.) **Page 3**